

No let-up in Assam flood fury



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Flood waters refuse to recede in Assam on Tuesday. The situation is taking a grim turn where half the area of the Karizanga National Park was submerged by the surging waters of the Brahmaputra, forcing exodus of animals to safer places.

On the other hand, worst-hit Dhemaji district continues to remain cut off for the 11 day as the NH-52 was submerged by waters of the Brahmaputra. Half of the 820 sq km area of Kaziranga, a World Heritage site and home to the endangered one-horned rhinoceros, was submerged. Meanwhile, forest department have built high platforms but there was large-scale exodus of animals to the hills of neighbouring Karbi Anglong district by crossing the adjoining National Highway.

Authorities have enforced restriction on speed of traffic on the highway as there had been past incidents of animals being crushed under speeding vehicles. Road signs have been put up and motorists asked to restrict speed to 40 kmph on the highway.

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